



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-14387-2000 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.02.2025

Sukhpal Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : None for the petitioner

Ms. Shruti, AAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the retiral benefits along with interest.
2. Learned State counsel draws the attention of this Court to the short affidavit dated 08.03.2004 filed by Block Elementary Education Officer, Ghanaur, District Patiala, which has not been controverted by way of filing any replication/counter to the same and reads thus:

“I, Simran Kaur, Block Elementary Education Officer, Ghanaur Distt., Patiala do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1) That the sanction of the Pension, Commutation Pension and D.C.R.G. issued by Accountant General, Punjab on 28.8.2000.

2) That as sum of Rs. 146969/- on account of D.C.R.G. and Rs.142685/- on account of G.P.F. Final Payment alongwith 12% interest was sent to the petitioner through special messenger, but he refused accept cheque No.336129 dated 5.10.2000 for Rs. 289654/- (146969 + 142685 289654/-).

3) That again cheque No.336129 dated 5.10.2000 was revalidated on 21.12.2000 and the same was sent through Registered cover vide post office receipt No.2327 dated 21.12.2000. That the cheque No.336129 dated 21.12.2000, amounting to Rs. 289654/- was received back with the remarks

from concerned Post Office that the person named as Sukhpal Singh is not available. Again cheque No.318820 dated 7.3.2001 amounting to Rs. 289654/- sent by Registered cover, and he received it, payment drawn from Bank on 14.3.2001.

4) That in the light of judgement of Hon'ble Court dated 19.2.2001, the interest due on the G.P.F. and D.C.R.G from 1.9.2000 to 31.10.2000 for two months amounting to Rs.5794/- and arrear of D.A. amounting to Rs.8532/- Total amount 14326/-was paid on 11.2.2003 in the Hon'ble Court.

5) That the interest of Pension for above two months amounting to Rs.310/- was also paid on 10.2.2004 in the Hon'ble Court.

6) That the pension and commutation pension has to be drawn directly from the treasury office by the retiree himself, as sanction has already been issued by Accountant General, Punjab on 28.8.2000. The interest accruing thereon has not to be paid by the department.

7) That the Accountant General, Punjab vide letter dated 2.5.2003 has ordered that arrear of pension w.e.f. 1.2.2000 to 31.1.2003 worth Rs. 142643/- should be revalidated. The same was revalidated by Deponent vide their letter No.95 dated 5.9.2003 and was sent to Accountant General, Punjab vide Registered Cover.

The Hon'ble Court is humbly prayed that in keeping view the above position the present C.W.P. may kindly be dismissed as the Answering Respondents had already paid the retiral benefits payments to the petitioner.”

3. Disposed of, reserving the petitioner with a liberty to approach the Department, in case need arises.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

24.02.2025

M.Kamra

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No